

The Word



And the peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

☞ Philippians 4:7, ESV ☞

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Ministers Musings

Summer is a lazy time, but there's something about a chill in the air and turning leaves that spurs us into action. Whether it's canning tomatoes or mending quilts for the winter, back-to-school responsibilities or Book Study meeting again, Fall is a time for doing stuff. As you get back into the swing of things after a relaxing summer, remember to include things done for others on your to-do list. Drop a note to a lonely friend, send a check to a local organization working to ease our neighbors' suffering, decide to forgive an old friend – and do it, or knit a hat for a chemotherapy patient. Throughout scripture, God's call comes through – you're in this together, you'll make it through when you remember that you're not created only for yourself. Work for the good of the community, seek the welfare of the city, love your neighbor, open your hand to the poor. If you say you believe in love, show it; live out that belief in your regular routine. Talk is cheap; actions speak love. As we seek to build a good life for ourselves, we find that it isn't found in living only for ourselves – that's the oxymoron at the heart of the gospel. We know this – it's in all that Jesus says – and Fall is an excellent time to put that knowledge into action.

We're coming up on an election; I hope you'll vote. I won't tell you whom I think you should vote for; I trust you can decide that on your own. But I do hope you'll let love influence your decisions. God asked the Israelites to do justice, not just in their own lives and business dealings, but in their national policies and governmental decisions. Jesus critiqued the powers and systems that oppressed the poor and the suffering. The Bible is full of political commentary. The resurrection proclaims that love is the greatest power in the world; that power of love is not only for our personal relationships, but for the transformation of the world, including the political world. Politics is part of what God is concerned with, so it's part of our concern as well. Let love guide your days, let love guide your ways, let love guide your vote and your politics, too.



If you visit the Farmers Market on the Square on a Wednesday, Come enjoy a cup of coffee with Pastor Cathy!

What's going on? Quite a lot, actually:

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 6 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember all those who have died in the past year. Use the form below, or simply send a note or an email to the church office, to list friends, family or heroes whom you would like to include on our All Saints list. Please include the date of death, if known.

All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022

Name

Date of death

David Dandignac memorial gathering, October 8th, 2-4 pm, in the Harder Room.

Lucile Frisbee memorial service, October 15th, 11 am in our Sanctuary.

Kids Club: No Kids' Club on Wednesday, October 12th.

Kids Club will be singing in worship on October 30

Bible Sunday - Kids in 3rd-5th grade will receive Bibles during worship on Sunday, October 30th.

Nominating committee will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 6 pm. Please pray for the committee as they begin the work of ensuring that the work and the life of the church continue to grow in positive ways.

Pot-Luck lunch following worship on October 30th. Bring table service & a dish to share.

Please sign up to host **Coffee Hour** after worship. A sign-up sheet is available on the wall at the main entrance to the building. You may also call the church office and Deb will help you choose a date.

October food drive Winter is Coming and the Food Pantry needs stocking! Think especially of cozy warm foods for cold weather. A list of some needed items is available in this newsletter.

Stewardship Sunday on November 13. Pledge cards will come in the mail in late October.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Highlights of September Parish Council

The September meeting of the Parish Council was opened by Pastor Cathy sharing a reading from Matthew 25 reminding all of us that we are a "Matthew 25 Church" as designated by the Presbytery.

For the Topic of the Month Pastor Cathy shared a book she had received from Presbytery meeting she attended recently, "50 Ways to Help Save the Earth". We discussed ways we could promote earth friendly activities including installing a bike rack at church. We discussed our previous commitment to highway cleanup. We have stopped using Styrofoam and have garden spaces.

Eloise reported that Play School have 9 enrolled students with 7 paid tuitions, and the others are in process. Laura Clark has been working with Playschool on switching over payroll from monthly to bi-weekly. They are planning on doing a bake sale in front of Chuck Hill's office during the Harvest Festival. Joanna returned bottles to Dutch Redemption for \$22.22. They continue to invite the congregation to contribute their cans and bottles. The first week of playschool went well. Pam has contacted Monica Little at SUNY Delhi, who is planning on sending a student for this first semester to participate at Playschool. Pam has also contacted community members who will come and present/lead projects. The Playschool board will be meeting on the 21st and will discuss scholarships and applications.

The August Council minutes were reviewed and approved. Also approved was the July's Treasurer's report. Laura Clark presented the treasurer's report indicating that we should be at 66% and our income is at 62% and expenses are at 65%. Pledges are at 70%. The unpledged amount currently reflects the \$5000 from Dottie's Cook family. Laura has run a report for Playschool based on their budget numbers and has asked Playschool to look at these numbers. Gideon pointed out that we have allocated

\$135K to be withdrawn from out investments instead of the \$80,000 in previous years. Currently we have only withdrawn \$60,000 so that may be why our income is only at 62%. Laura will look at the whole picture after the end of September and will take the next \$20,000 draw at the beginning of the 4th quarter. She will take another draw in December if necessary. Ruth will ask Jeff to get approval by Trustees to take a draw on October 3rd. Laura will draw up a quarterly schedule for when she needs the approval by Trustees. The August treasurer's report was accepted by council.

Ruth Vredenburg reported for Trustees that the following projects have been completed: CO2 detector has been checked, radiator cover in sanctuary repaired and downstairs bathroom completed. Jeff reported that toilets in downstairs bathrooms could not be changed due to placement of pre-existing hole. There was discussion about the fuel bill that had been recently received. Pastor Cathy will ask Jeff to communicate to council and Laura Clark, the kind of agreement the Trustees have made with Kiff's Oil, for pricing on this year's oil. Placement of microphones during the service was discussed with the possibility of the purchase of an additional mic. Trustees discussed a maintenance position for church building and parsonage. Jeff will create a job description. Ron Frisbee has indicated he might be interested. Other pending projects include paving the driveway at parsonage, building a shed for the parsonage snow blower and lawn mower. The railing from elevator to music room will be done soon. Jeff talked with the building inspector about the sanctuary ramp, and he agreed the concept was fine. Trustees have discussed adding instant hot water to fix the hot water problem in the Harder Room. It was suggested that it be addressed in the bathroom as well.

Stephanie McCann reported that the Finance Committee met in September and discussed the \$5070 Cook family donation. After paying Pat Nabinger (\$150) for playing at the service and fellowship fund for the food (\$265) after the service, there was a balance of \$4655. Finance recommended that this money be placed in the Memorial Fund with the hopes it can be used for future Playschool scholarships. Property and Village taxes were paid but won't need to be in the future since the exemption is fully in effect. The committee discussed the maintenance position and more snow removal. The 2023 budget will reflect support of these increases. Committee will meet October 13th.

Gideon reported for SPR that they met August 22nd and they are reviewing employee review process for church employees to be used for 2022. Pastor Cathy has requested to take Sunday after Thanksgiving as her last vacation day. This was approved by SPR.

Pastor Cathy reported that Confirmation class started today, and Kids Club is starting this week with 10 children. Book group met last Thursday with 11 people attending. United Ministry will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service on Sunday the 20th of November. She reported that we have been invited by 1st Pres., Bovina Presbyterian and Trinity Covenant to join a 5th Sunday service in October. Our plans for that Sunday have already been made with Kids Club singing and Bibles being presented to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. We decided to stick to our plan and not participate in the service. The screens have been moved up and the words are on Livestream now. World Communion Sunday is October 2nd, kids are singing October 30th. Pastors Cathy and Rick are attending the Methodist Conference in White Plains on Saturday, 9/24. Cooperative parish/laity system is being set up re: shared ministry. We need a lay person who would be willing to represent United Ministry in our cooperative parish, which is most of Delaware County. Attendance numbers continue to be around 27-30 people per Sunday with 4-5 people live streaming and another 5 watching during the week.

Cathy Johnson reported that Nurture is talking about restarting the potluck lunches but wasn't sure if we could do them every month. Right now, we are scheduled for September 25th and October 30th. Will try to have them when the kids sing and one during Advent. Directory is very outdated, and Cathy is willing to work with Deb to update the information but not the pictures.

Outreach reported that food boxes are going out this week on Saturday. Pastor Cathy and Edie will attend the Delaware Opportunities coalition meeting October 7th, where someone from each of the food pantries will be attendance and discuss the programs/concerns. Can-struction event with the college might happen in spring.

Fred Onasch reported for Witness that he would like to see us reach out to members who aren't actively involved in worship, maybe with a postcard mailing. Postcards are available in Finance Office and could potentially be used to invite people to come on October 30th to hear children sing. Help was offered to make this happen.

Our presence was discussed at the Harvest Festival on October 1st. Not a lot of enthusiasm but it was discussed that we could try to have a float in the Christmas parade. Float will be the topic of the month at our October meeting.

The new business for the month was the approval of numerous building use applications.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on October 17th.

Any questions please feel free to contact myself or any member of your council.

Submitted by, Carol Greene

Fellowship News

On Sunday, October 30th, we will be having a **Potluck Lunch** after church and hope you will join us. The Kid's Club kids will be singing in worship that day, which is always special and fun and we would like to carry that over into a luncheon afterwards. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service along with a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, October 13th at noon in the Harder Room. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided

Don't forget the Birthday Box in the Harder Room!

Food Ministry/Food Pantry Update

If you saw the latest copy of the Dispatch (published by Office of the Aging), you may have read the article by Wayne Shepard. I was surprised to learn that 50% of seniors he talked to at the Walton Fair were unaware or misinformed about senior meals. There are 6 dining sites in Delaware County (one of which is in Delhi) and meals are also delivered. Meals are prepared onsite and are designed to provide 1/3 of the



Boxes of food being packed for delivery to seniors on Saturday, September 24

daily nutritional requirements. The cost to prepare the meals has risen to \$12 per meal but the confidential suggested donation remains at \$3 per meal. No one is denied a meal for lack of a contribution. In 2021 when the centers were closed due to COVID, 91,000 meals were delivered in the county.

The second article that caught my eye was about SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Only 2 out of 5 eligible seniors participate in this program. The minimum benefit is \$16 per month but 80% of seniors receiving the benefit receive more than that with the average being \$105. There is also an excess medical expense deduction. About 80% of seniors who participate also experience isolation. SNAP can mean the difference between having food and going hungry. Using SBAP also puts more money into the local economy and by eating better can help to reduce medical costs. For more information contact Delaware County Office of the Aging - NY Connects at 607-832-5750.

On Saturday September 24th we distributed boxes of food to the senior center, Buena Vista and 16 or more seniors who had contacted me to receive a box. These



Boxes of food wait to be loaded into vehicles for delivery.

boxes are always welcomed and greatly appreciated as evidenced by the thanks and comments we receive. Looking forward to a box of "surprises" can be the high point of someone's day. I also know the people who call me, someone outside their normal circle, look forward to chatting for a few minutes.

Since Michele DeFreece retired from the college we are still waiting to establish a good contact with whoever is taking over her position. Liz is keeping tabs on this so that we can continue to shop a couple of

times a semester for food items for Regalia, their food pantry on campus.

As winter approaches our food pantry usage is picking up. In August we served 38 families consisting of 47 adults, 9 over 65 and 10 under 18. As I write this we still have 3 days of this month when we will be open and have served over 25 families. Through the pantry we will be giving out boxes of turkeys and food for Thanksgiving dinner. So far 11 families have signed up to receive a box.

I have contacted Christina Gardner at Public Health and she will let me know if they have families that can use a Thanksgiving dinner or a Christmas dinner with presents.

~ Edie



October Food Drive at United Ministry

October

**FOOD
DRIVE**

At The United Ministry of Delhi

Winter is Coming!

The Food Pantry needs restocking

Think especially of cozy, warm foods, like:

Soup – all kinds

Oatmeal

Stew and Chili

Chef Boy-ar-dee stuff

Corned beef hash

Crackers

Jelly

Cooking oil and butter

Juice

Coffee

Hot Cocoa

Tea

Brownie Mix



Making applesauce with Mrs. K.



Play School News - October 2022

Play School is underway in its 54th school year. Play School is in full swing with 9 students and we are off to a great start! This group, even though they have been limited in spending time with other peers due to COVID, has blended very well together. The children are excited to come to school, excited to learn new things, and having lots of fun!! We have been making projects with paint, learning new songs, learning the letters in our name and name recognition and have begun the letter of the week with some great topics. We made applesauce with Mrs. K at the end of September and the kids enjoyed every bit of it from washing the apples, cutting the apples, wondering where Mrs. K. took the pot of apple pieces, grinding it through the food mill, to eating it! Delicious!! We have a lot of fun events planned for October. We hope to stay on schedule for Fire trucks, Picture Day, Open House, Story time with Mrs. Henault, Chief Mills for Halloween Safety, Halloween Costume Parade around the church, community guests, Field Trip to Delhi Pizza Company and student birthday parties to name a few.

Play School is hosting a bake sale in front of Chuck Hill's Law Office for the Harvest Festival on October 1st from 10:00-2:00. If anyone is interested in baking and would like to donate baked goods please let Pam Savage know at 607-746-6869 or email her at playschool.umod@gmail.com Thank you in advance for any monetary or baked donations given during this event for the Play School program. We appreciate your support!!

Play School is still collecting school supplies and monetary donations for the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for all the wonderful donations of supplies thus far for the children in the Play School Program! We have received a variety of items from the U.M. Congregation, Play School Families and the Community! We appreciate everything we have received for the Play School class and couldn't have done it without your help and support!! THANK YOU!!!

Happy Fall Everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Savage,
Play School Director

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Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied.

Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.



Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are

always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.

Coffee Hour

- Oct 2 _____
- Oct 9 _____
- Oct 16 _____
- Oct 23 _____
- Oct 30 Pot Luck following worship

Flowers

- Oct 2 _____
- Oct 9 _____
- Oct 16 _____
- Oct 23 _____
- Oct 30 _____

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Our Changing Family

Deaths

Lucile Frisbee died on Friday, September 23, 2022. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Will Frisbee and her extended family. Lucile was active in the life of The United Ministry, tending the church garden for decades, leading Women's Open Circle, helping with dinners, bazars and fund raisers, and occasionally filling in at the organ bench when the organist was out of town. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at 11 am at The United Ministry of Delhi. Visiting hours will take place the hour before the service, 10 am.

David Dandignac The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Phyllis and Ralph Dandignac at the recent death of their son David. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 8th at 11 am at The United Ministry of Delhi, in the Harder Room.

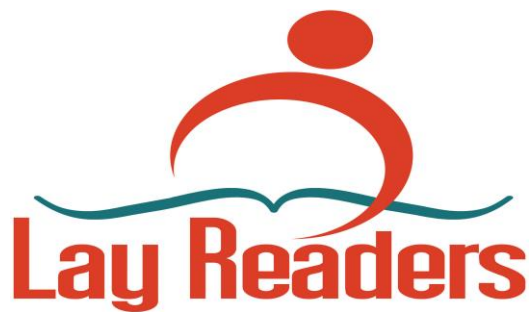
Robert (Bob) Davidson died on Wednesday, September 28th at his home in Columbia City Indiana. He will be cremated and burial will be private. Barb expressed much appreciation for the continued support of the church family.



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Will Frisbee	10/2	Porter Frisbee	10/18
Bob Davidson	10/3	Tristan McCann	10/19
Maggie Reinmann	10/4	Cameron Mills	10/19
Amy Anderson	10/4	Carol Greene	10/22
Cheryl Greenfield	10/10	Charlotte Vetter	10/23
Autumn Unger	10/12	Margaret Baldwin	10/25
John Bramley	10/13	Eloise Henault	10/29
Donna Briggs	10/14	Marisa Miller	10/30
Kathy Whittaker	10/15	Bryan Hillis	10/30



Oct 2	<u><i>Gideon Frisbee</i></u>
Oct 9	<u><i>Ann Peet</i></u>
Oct 16	<u><i>Rev. Rick Edwards</i></u>
Oct 23	<u><i>Carol Greene</i></u>
Oct 30	<u><i>Liz Frisbee</i></u>



Word and Worship

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

Sermon: The Weight of the World

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Flourishing Where You Are

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Don't Be a Holy Jerk

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65 (UMH 789);

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Love in Large Letters

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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